

Application Number: 10/626,391

Reply To Office Action Of JUNE 14, 2005

Remarks

Claims 1-16 were pending in this application. Claim 7 has been amended. Applicants' note no prior art rejections were cited against Claim 7. Claims 1-6 and 9-16 have been allowed. Applicants note there are only 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejections on Claim 7.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 112

The Examiner has rejected Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Accordingly, applicant has amended Claims 7 to provide Antecedent basis for the term "molded device." Furthermore, Applicant's have deleted the "means for releasing" phrase and incorporated the releasing function into the resultant function of the silicon mold member as per the Examiner's suggestion. Applicants wish to note that Claim 7 has not been amended in view of the prior art, but to provide for proper antecedent basis and definiteness as required per 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for the Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner, in point 5 of the Office Action, has issued a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter, and as a result, Applicant hereby acknowledges the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance. Applicant respectfully notes that there may be additional reasons for allowance that have not been specifically cited, and which may apply to several of the allowed claims, in addition to or instead of the cited Reasons. Applicant respectfully suggests that notwithstanding the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, it is believed that each of the allowed claims is patentable in its own right and/or for other reasons raised during the prosecution and/or explained in the specification of this application.

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Conclusion

In view of the Remarks above, applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that the Examiner earnestly reconsider his rejections of the present application. Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fees necessary in connection with this Response and any other fees necessary in connection with this application, to Deposit Account Number 02-1666.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendments and consider the remarks made herein. Consideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully submitted.

Any questions concerning this application or amendment may be directed to the undersigned agent of applicant.

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